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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Ross).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 16, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBORAH K. ROSS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

HIGH GAS PRICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as we stand here today, gasoline in my hometown of Altoona, Pennsylvania, costs an average of \$4.49 per gallon; that is the highest price that we have ever paid for gasoline.

On day one of his Presidency, Joe Biden canceled the Keystone XL pipeline. Just last week, President Biden doubled down on his failed policy of

crushing American energy producers by canceling three key oil and natural gas leases.

It is this reckless leadership that has led to record-breaking prices that have made it so hard for rural Americans to afford to drive to work, go to doctor appointments, visit relatives, or bring their kids to a baseball game.

It is time to turn away from these failed policies and, once again, rely on the energy that lies beneath the feet of my constituents—the energy that comes from American coal, American oil, American natural gas, and American Marcellus shale.

Madam Speaker, we cannot afford these high gas prices, and we cannot afford this failed leadership.

CONGRATULATING ANDREW BURK, ST. JOHNS COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Burk for being named St. Johns County Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Burk received this honor for his work as band director and teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grade music classes at Valley Ridge Academy. Teaching since 2017, he has received awards for both outstanding educational leadership and high academic classroom achievement.

Mr. Burk uses innovative teaching methods to help students learn faster and play advanced music earlier in their musical development. Outside of the classroom, he was also a cofounder of the Collegiate Music Education Day at the Florida Capitol.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Florida, I thank Mr. Burk for his dedication to educating the students of northeast Florida and

for his commitment to the success of his students and peers alike.

CONGRATULATING THE FOAR FROM HOME ROWING TEAM

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the FOAR From Home rowing team for crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 51 days, 11 hours, and 41 minutes.

The team of four from Fernandina Beach rowed more than 3,000 miles, beginning in the Canary Islands and ending in Antigua. This unbelievable accomplishment was part of an annual race that takes place in December and included 30 different rowing teams.

The FOAR From Home team consisted of four American veterans: Billy Cimino of the United States Army, Cameron Hansen of the United States Air Force, A.M. Huppmann of the United States Navy, and Paul Lore of the United States Marine Corps.

The team raised money to help end veteran suicide, with proceeds going to K9s for Warriors, an organization in northeast Florida that pairs service dogs with veterans suffering from PTSD.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Florida, I thank FOAR From Home for their individual service to our Nation, and I congratulate them on a once-in-a-lifetime team accomplishment.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, it has become painfully obvious in recent months how important energy and the energy supply is in all aspects of our lives here in the United States and to our allies around the world.

The effect of not enough energy indeed has been very harmful to our economy, yet we are at a space where

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